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The role that these colleges and universities have played in our Nations' history is unmistakable. Universities like Savannah State have offered first-class educational opportunities to students for decades, and they have continued that leadership and excellence into this, the 21st century.

Today, our historically black colleges and universities form the culture and educational training grounds for many African American leaders of tomorrow. We must do all that we can to recognize the past heritage and the future potential that is embodied by these institutions.

I am pleased to give this resolution my full support.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will now proceed to special orders without prejudice to resuming legislative business.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ANNIVERSARY OF PAT FINUCANE MURDER IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues of an event that occurred 14 years ago yesterday. Pat Finucane, a Northern Ireland human rights attorney who defended individuals who were detained and targeted by the British and the RUC, was shot and killed by British loyalist paramilitaries while he sat eating a Sunday meal with his wife and three children.

Since his murder in 1989, Amnesty International and the United Nations have called on the British Government to investigate any collusion between the RUC/British Government officials and the loyalist paramilitaries. Unfortunately, after 3 years of investigation, still no report has been made public.

According to the UDA, the Ulster Defense Association, which claimed responsibility for his murder, Mr. Finucane was profiled as an individual who was helping support the pro-Catholic, pro-republican cause in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the London Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir John Stevens, to expeditiously complete the report on the February 1989 killing of Pat Finucane in Belfast. Sir Stevens has been investigating this case for almost 3 years.

Late last year, Sir John Stevens announced for the second time that the Finucane report would be delayed as a result of a British military witness being reluctant to speak to the police. Stevens claimed that the report will be released before next spring; however, there continues to be speculation that the report may be delayed further should a public inquiry be ordered.

There are few who will dispute the facts in this case. According to Brian Nelson, a former British military intelligence agent who also served as chief intelligence officer in the UDA, he directly assisted in the targeting of Pat Finucane and passed a photograph of Pat Finucane to a UDA member just days before the killing. However, Mr. Nelson claims that he has never been examined in an open court. To date, no one has been prosecuted for the murder of Pat Finucane.

The facts in this case seem quite straightforward, once again a pro-loyalist police force used its authority to further sectarian rule and continue the rash of violence against the Catholic community.

Mr. Speaker, I call on Prime Minister Tony Blair and London Metropolitan Police Commissioner Stevens to finally release the current report and then immediately open a full public inquiry into this matter. My hope is that by putting an end to this long-drawn-out process, we can bring both justice to the individuals who undertook this gruesome act and take steps to ensure that it does not happen again.

This whole matter, once again, reinforces my belief that for too long both the British Government, along with their police force, and the loyalist paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland have worked in tandem to usurp the rights of the Catholic community.

A full public inquiry into this matter will show the world that the only way peace can last in Northern Ireland is for a full, fair and just reform of policing in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland must immediately implement all of the Patten Commissions' recommendations on policing.

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Mr. Speaker, if there is to be a just and lasting peace in Northern Ireland, we must learn from what happened to Pat Finucane and ensure that it never happens again.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 41) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 41

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, February 13, 2003, or Friday, February 14,

2003, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, or until Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, February 13, 2003, Friday, February 14, 2003, Saturday, February 15, 2003, or any date from Monday, February 17, 2003, through Friday, February 21 2003, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, February 24, 2003, or at such other time on that day as may be specified by it Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message or messages from the Senate transmitting both its adoption of the conference report to accompany House Joint Resolution 2 and its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 41, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CEREMONIES

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the minority leader,